

MINUTES

UTAH PSYCHOLOGY LICENSING BOARD MEETING

August 8, 2005

**Room 4A – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building**

CONVENED: 8:15A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:25 A.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Noel Taxin
Karen McCall

Board Members Present:

Kathleen S. King, PhD
Bruce N. Carpenter, PhD
John F. Merryweather, PhD, Chairperson
Lori G. Buhler

Board Members Absent:

Leonard J. Haas, PhD

Guests:

Craig Jackson, Division Director

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Read and approve the July 11, 2005 minutes.

Dr. King made a motion to accept the minutes with minor revisions. Ms. Buhler seconded the motion.
The Board vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

8:15 A.M.

Board Members complete the Review of Philip Davis file for Licensure

Dr. Merryweather opened the review and discussion of Philip Davis file.

The Board reviewed the following information:

1. The psychological evaluations from Dr. Kaisch and Dr. Burke.
2. The letters of recommendation from

supervisors and a new recommendation from Dr. Kubat.

3. Transcripts.

The Board discussed the following options:

1. Deny the application.
2. Enter into an MOU and monitor very closely.
3. Work for a specific period of time and then reapply.

The board discussed the option of denying the application and recommended that suggestions should be offered for Dr. Davis to have future success.

The option of the MOU would require Dr. Davis to be supervised, meet regularly with the Board and possibly other requirements for personal growth.

The option of requiring Dr. Davis to work for a specific period of time would give Dr. Davis time to show a track record of competence and allow Dr. Davis to resolve some of the issues. Then Dr. Davis could reapply for licensure.

Based on information in Dr. Davis file, the Board voiced the following concerns about Dr. Davis being licensed and doing psychological evaluations and mental health therapy with clients:

- 1. The denial of licensure in California due to erroneous information in the application.**
- 2. Deception on application for Utah whether intentional or not.**
- 3. Long standing issues of concern and Dr. Davis not dealing with those issues.**
- 4. Dr. Davis did not submit documentation that convinced the Utah Board that his past issues have been dealt with and they are no longer concerns.**

The Board determined Dr. Davis would not be required to be licensed to conduct pain research.

Dr. Carpenter volunteered to draft a letter regarding the concerns and recommendations for the Board and the Division to review. Ms. Taxin will then review the draft with the AG's office.

It was suggested that a Board meeting be scheduled prior to the October 3, 2005 meeting for Dr. Davis to meet with the Board to discuss the licensing issues with the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

FYI

Dr. Carpenter asked if the scheduled hearing for Elizabeth Firth will be rescheduled or cancelled.

Ms. Taxin responded that the hearing is cancelled at this time.

FYI

Ms. Buhler requested an update on the Dr. Bjornson hearing from the July 11, 2005 meeting.

Ms. Taxin responded that she had not yet received conclusions and results from that hearing.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

October 3, 2005

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

10:25 am

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Psychology Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing